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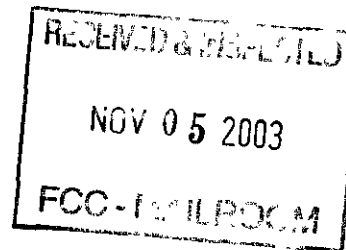
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of

Federal State Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to FCC Rule 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206(b), this communication is submitted to be filed in the above referenced docket. On October 22, 2003 I met with Jessica Rosenworcel, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps. The primary focus of my remarks was on the ETC designation process in rural service areas; especially the apparent evolution of services deemed worthy of universal service fund support by many state commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rowe

cc: Jessica Rosenworcel

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